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Bridgeton residents worry landfill fire reaching radioactive waste

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The stench coming from the West Lake Landfill is no longer the big concern for residents.

Residents are worried new information from the Department of Natural Resources shows the fire burning inside the landfill is closer to reaching radioactive waste.

Residents are now want the state to take over the landfill. Residents believe the heat levels have allowed the fire to jump the interceptor wells meant to prevent the fire from reaching the radioactive waste.

A spokesperson for Bridgeton Landfill, LLC told NewsChannel 5 the situation is under control and that the fire in nowhere near reaching the waste in the North Quarry. The company released a statement that said in part, "Assuming the rate of movement towards the North quarry doesn't continue to slow or stop, at currently measured rates of movement it would take more than 10 years to reach the edge of the North quarry."

But, residents aren't buying it.

At the beginning of the year we were told the landfill fire was 1200 feet away from the radioactive waste. The Attorney General said last week its 1,000 feet away. That's 200 feet in 5 months," said Ed Smith, a member of the non-profit Missouri Coalition for the Environment.

NewsChannel 5 asked the Department of Natural Resources for a comment. They responded to us saying to check their updated website. We checked their website and did not see an update.